

POWERFUL ATLANTIC FLEET IN THE ROADS

Foreign Vessels Awaited by Splen-
did Squadron of Uncle
Sam's Fighters

BACK FROM SOUTHERN CRUISE

Local Built Battleship Louisiana
Steamed Past Capes Yesterday Af-
ternoon, Leading All the Rest—Will
Remain Here Until Some Time in
June.

Headed by the magnificent New-
port News built battleship Louisiana,
known in the navy as "President
Roosevelt's own," fourteen big battle-
ships and two immense armored
cruisers of Rear Admiral Robley D.
Evans' Atlantic fleet steamed into
Hampton Roads about 5:15 o'clock
yesterday afternoon and dropped an-
chor on the anchorage assigned them
for the Exposition period between Old
Point Comfort and the Ivy avenue
pier.

Awaiting the arrival of the vessels
were the battleship Connecticut, ar-
mored cruiser Brooklyn and several
auxiliary craft, and the fleet that now
rides peacefully at anchor within
plain view of the Jamestown Exposi-
tion is the largest and most formidable
ever assembled under the Ameri-
can flag.

Back from Hard Cruise.

Every one of the fourteen battle-
ships that arrived in the Roads bore
evidences of the three months' hard
cruise through which they but recent-
ly passed in West Indian waters, but
before the arrival next week of the
foreign fleets that will attend the
opening of the Exposition the men-
o-war will have been put into the
best possible shape by their crews.

A wireless message received at the
navy department from the battleship
Maine, Admiral Evans' flagship, late
Sunday afternoon announced that the
fleet would reach Hampton Roads
morning 24 hours, and yesterday
morning the armored cruisers Wash-
ington and Tennessee, which arrived
in the Roads from the League Island
navy yard last week, weighed anchor
and steamed out to Lynnhaven bay to
await the arrival of the fourteen
battleships.

Louisiana in Lead.

It was long after 3 o'clock when
the Louisiana, which was leading the
fleet up the coast, passed Cape Hen-
ry. Upon her arrival the Washing-
ton and Tennessee weighed anchor
and joined the other ships of the fleet
that were following close on the heels
of the Louisiana.

In full fleet formation the sixteen
warships steamed slowly through
lower Chesapeake bay into Hampton
Roads and past the Old Point wharf
on which quite a crowd of people had
gathered, including the families of
many of the officers of the vessels.

The order of the vessels as they
entered the Roads was: Louisiana,
Maine, flying the flag of Rear Ad-
miral Evans, Missouri, Virginia, flag-
ship of Rear Admiral Thomas, Rhode
Island, New Jersey, Georgia, Ala-
bama, flagship of Rear Admiral Davis,
Illinois, Kearsarge, Kentucky, Ohio,
flying the flag of Rear Admiral Em-
ory, Iowa and Indiana.

Families in Waiting.

After the warships dropped anchor
many of the officers went ashore at
Old Point to greet their families that
had been awaiting them at the Cham-
berlin hotel for several days.

The present fleet will soon be aug-
mented by the 16,000-ton battleships
Minnesota and Vermont, the protect-
ed cruiser St. Louis, now in this har-
bor, the battleship Texas, the moni-
tors Florida, Arkansas, Nevada, Man-
tomonoh and Canonicus and the tor-
pedo boat destroyers Stringham,
Wilkes, Blakley, DeLong and Stock-
ton.

Stay Until June.

This combined fleet of eighteen
battleships, three armored cruisers,
five monitors, one protected cruiser,
and five torpedo boat destroyers will
remain in Hampton Roads until about
the first of June, when all of the
ships, except the Texas, Brooklyn,
Mantomonoh and Canonicus will go
to the various navy yards along the
Atlantic coast for their regular sum-
mer repairs and overhauling.

Amsteldyk Passes the Lizard.

The Dutch steamer Amsteldyk, of
the Holland-American Line, which
sailed from Norfolk on April 3 for
Amsterdam and Rotterdam, passed
the Lizard at 3 o'clock yesterday af-
ternoon.

REPAIRED AT SHIPYARD.

Norwegian Steamer Frutera is Now
Completing Her Cargo.

The Norwegian steamer Frutera,
which was rammed by the schooner
Samuel W. Hathaway at Chesapeake

& Ohio pier No. 3 Saturday, was
towed to the shipyard Sunday morn-
ing and after having a new plate in-
stalled on her starboard quarter was
towed back to the coal pier yester-
day morning.

The vessel's steering gear, which
was damaged in the collision is being
repaired at the coal dock and she
will sail for Bances, Cuba, with about
2,000 tons of coal this morning.

Mob Was After Him.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., April 15.—
Only for the fact that he was hur-
ried to Westchester, Joseph Wilson, a
negro, who criminally assaulted a
white girl last night, would have
been lynched. A mob had formed to
wreak vengeance on the negro, but
the police hurried Wilson to West-
chester, where he is now safely
lodged in jail, with a strong guard on
hand to prevent an attempt at lynch-
ing.

N. J. Burford Dies in Amherst County.

AMHERST, VA., April 15.—N. J.
Burford, a prominent citizen of the
Sardis Church neighborhood, died in
his home Saturday. He is survived
by a widow and several children.

Sully Case in Highest Court.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—
A petition for a writ of certiorari was
presented to the Supreme Court of
the United States today in the case
of D. H. Miller, trustee in bankruptcy
for the New York firm of Daniel Sul-
ly and Company vs. E. O. McCormick
and others, involving some of the de-
tails of the alleged effort to corner
the cotton supply of 1904.

Negro Murderer Hanged.

(By Associated Press.)
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 15.—
Tom Walker, a negro who murdered
Chief of Police Chason, and Officer
Locammy on March 2nd last, was
hanged today in the county jail. He
was pronounced dead in thirty-eight
minutes.

Schooner Ashore at Wachapreague.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 15.—
A despatch to the Marmine exchange
says the three-masted schooner John
Russell, from New York, for North
Carolina, in ballast, went ashore at
Wachapreague, Va., today, and float-
ed several hours later without as-
sistance. The vessel was not injured.

President's Cousin Dead at Brussels.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The
State Department received a despatch
today announcing the death of George
W. Roosevelt, a cousin of President
Roosevelt, at Brussels, where he was
consul general. He died at midnight,
but the cause of death is not given.
Mr. Roosevelt was appointed consul
at Auckland in 1878, at St. Helena
in 1879, at Matanzas in 1880, at Bor-
deaux in 1881, at Brussels in 1889,
and promoted to consul general at that
port on March 14, 1905. He was born
in 1844, and served with distinction
in the civil war.

TRIVERS' WILL UPHELD

Supreme Court Decides a Famous
Civil Suit.

LAW OF VIRGINIA CAST ASIDE

Highest Judiciary Decides That
Plaintiff Was Traver's Wife, Re-
gardless of Statutes of Maryland
and the Old Dominion.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—
In deciding the case of Amelia C.
Travers vs. the Sisters of the Visi-
tation, involving title to property in
the District of Columbia, the Supreme
Court of the United States today
dealt with the regular marriage of
James Travers to Sophia Grayson,
which occurred in Alexandria, Va., in
1865, holding that notwithstanding the
defects the two were husband
and wife. The opinion was by Jus-
tice Harlan, who held that in view of
the fact that the couple had lived to-
gether as man and wife for eighteen
years they were such in law. In
reaching this conclusion he consid-
ered the effect of the laws of Virginia,
where the two were supposed to have
been married; those of Maryland,
where they lived the greater part of
the eighteen years and of New Jer-
sey, where the Travers' will was
made in his wife's favor.

In Virginia there is a requirement
that there shall be a marriage license
and in Maryland that there shall be
a religious ceremony, but both of
these exemptions were disregarded
and the New Jersey practice recog-
nizing the union as legal was allowed
to control.

Negro Pursued Drowned in River.

NORFOLK, April 15.—An uniden-
tified negro fleeing from pistol bul-
lets being fired at him by Police-
man Cleave here yesterday jum-
ped into the river and was drowned. The
man had dropped the ham and meat
stolen from a wholesale house.

FROST DOES GREAT DAMAGE IN SOUTH

Georgia has the Coldest April
Weather Ever Recorded
in That State.

BIG LOSS FOR PEACH GROWERS

There Will be No Fruit at all in
Sections of North Carolina Except
Late Apples—In Country Surround-
ing Danville, Peach, Plum and
Cherry Crop Is Destroyed.

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, GA., April 15.—The cold
weather of the past three days ex-
tending throughout the State of Geor-
gia and reaching as far south as
Jacksonville, Fla., appears to have
done enormous damage to fruit and
vegetables, and injured cotton to a
considerable extent. The lowest tem-
perature ever reported here in April,
28 1-2 degrees above zero, was reached
here Sunday morning. Sunday night
the freezing point was reached. Ice
was formed here and a killing frost
is reported some distance south of
Macon. Reports indicate damage to
peaches throughout the northern part
of the State.

Ice in North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 15.—Ice
formed everywhere in North Carolina
last night, with serious damage re-
sulting to crops. In the Wilmington
section strawberries have been hurt
and the truck crops have been almost
ruined. In the central and western
districts wheat was badly damaged
by the freeze, in some localities as
much as fifty per cent. There will
be no fruit this year except possibly
some late blooming apples.

A number of localities are reporting snow flurries. Snow fell here for a few minutes Sunday afternoon.

Pittsylvania Fruit Killed by Cold.

(By Associated Press.)
DANVILLE, VA., April 15.—Re-
ports received here from the sur-
rounding country to the effect that
the recent cold spell has done great
damage to fruit trees and to growing
vegetation. Peaches, pears and
cherries have nearly all been destroy-
ed. The apple crop will not be great-
ly damaged owing to the fact that
many of the trees are in bloom. Early
corn, potatoes and other veg-
etables have been destroyed.

QUIT RATHER THAN WORK UNDER A NEGRO AUDITOR

President's Appointment of Ralph
Taylor, Colored, to Navy Depart-
ment Office Excites Clerks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—
The appointment of the Ohio negro,
Ralph Taylor, to be auditor for the
Navy Department, has created a great
stir among the Southern employees in
this office. There are a number of
Virginia and North Carolina clerks
in the office of the Auditor for the Navy
Department, and some of them are
casting around to see if they cannot
find a job elsewhere in the Govern-
ment service. If they do not find a
place to which they can be trans-
ferred, they are talking about resign-
ing from the service rather than to
work under a negro.

There is a general feeling that Tay-
lor's appointment will fail to give
satisfaction here. The place was held
by another negro, whose name was
Lynch, during the Harrison adminis-
tration. Senator Foraker is said to
warmly approve the action of the
President in appointing Taylor. Tay-
lor was society editor of the Colum-
bus Dispatch for a number of years,
and covered many of the important
society events of that city.

Chief of Police Kills Himself.

(By Associated Press.)
NEWARK, N. J., April 15.—Chief of
Police John Adams of this city, shot
and killed himself in Branch Book
Park today. Adams had been on the
police force 22 years and two years
ago he was made chief. The three
former police commissioners, two
captains, several plain clothes men
and Chief Adams were indicted re-
cently for malfeasance in office, in
having failed to close alleged disor-
derly houses.

President's Magic Gold Key.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—
President Roosevelt tonight touched
a golden key at the White House,
and turned on the lights at Con-
vention hall in this city where for the
next two weeks the members of the
Masonic Fraternity are to hold a
fair in the interest of the building
fund of the new Masonic Temple.

The golden key used by President
Roosevelt tonight is the same which
he used in opening the St. Louis and
Portland Expositions.

NEARLY ALL MEXICO HAS BIG EARTHQUAKE

Several Towns Destroyed and It
Is Feared That Loss of
Life Is Heavy.

NO TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

Safety of Bishop of Chilapa is Ques-
tioned—No Word Has Been Re-
ceived—From Towns Along the
Western Coast and It Is Supposed
That Great Damage Has Been Done

(By Associated Press.)
CHILHANCINGO, MEX., April 15.—
This city has been completely de-
stroyed by one of the most serious
earthquakes that has ever visited this
section. Up to this evening the known
dead number eleven and the badly in-
jured twenty-seven. Among the dead
is the wife of Postal Inspector Leo-
poldo T. Lopez, Guerra, and the
child of Jose Aleman, the postmas-
ter of the city. Jose Lopez Mar-
tinez, manager of the Federal tele-
graph office, was struck on the head
by a block of stone and badly in-
jured. A panic prevails everywhere
and people are fleeing to the open
country. The earth continues to rock
at half hour intervals.

Many minor shocks are complet-
ing the work of destruction.

All telegraphic communication with
the outside world ceased shortly af-
ter 11:50 o'clock last night when the
first shock was felt. The telegraph
operators have installed temporary
quarters in an open square.

Other Towns Destroyed.

Work has reached here that the
town of Chilapa, 48 kilometers to the
northeast, has also been destroyed.
As yet no details have been received
as to the number of dead and wound-
ed but it is feared that the number
will be large. This city is the capi-
tal of the state of Guerrero and four
years ago was visited by an earth-
quake which killed and wounded many
of its inhabitants and destroyed a
large part of the town. The popula-
tion of the town is 7,498. The popu-
lation of Chilapa is 15,000 and that
place is the home of the bishop of the
Catholic church who administers the
ecclesiastical affairs of the entire
region. No word has been received
from the Bishop's Palace and it is
not known at this time whether or
not he was a victim of the shock.

Midway between the cities of Chil-
hancingo and Chilapa is the city of
Tixtla. This is a prosperous and
wealthy community and as no word
has been received from the place it
is feared that it has also been de-
stroyed.

The following message was sent to
the Federal telegraph office in Mex-
ico City from Chilhancingo:

"Our boys are working in a hon-
duran garden. A terrible panic prevails
as the earth continues to tremble at
regular intervals."

All Communication Shut Off.

All communication with the west
coast is cut off since the moment of
the first big shock and it is not
known to what extent that region
suffered. The nearest big town,
Acapulco, which is 131 kilometers to
the southwest of this place, has not
been heard from. Both the volcanoes
of Colima and Jorullo are in this
region and the people fear that the
recent eruption of the earth may
cause these mountains to become
more active and to destroy much
property and many lives. The first
named volcano is in the state of
Colima, along the coast to the north-
west of this city. Jorullo is nearer
and is located almost due north in
the state of Michoacan. The inhabi-
tants of this region are known as
"Pintos" because of the "spots" on
their faces. They are noted for their
hardy warlike spirit and for their
stoicism and fanaticism but the recent
catastrophe seems to have completely
unraveled them, as they have up to
date lost all discretion. The city is
97 kilometers from the nearest rail-
road line and it will be impossible
for the people to flee except on foot
and on horseback. This fact caused
a considerable amount of anxiety
because the state is inhabited by a
great number of Americans who are
engaged in prospecting for mines. The
nearest railroad terminal is at Igual,
cross the Balsas and 77 kilometers to
the northward of Chilhancingo. The
distance between Chilhancingo and
Mexico City is 25 kilometers.

One Report That 500 Are Dead.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 15.—The
"Banco Nacional" (National Bank of
Mexico) has received a telegram
saying that 500 lives were lost in
the destruction of Chilhancingo and
Chilapa. The telegram adds that
both cities were completely destroy-
ed. In governmental circles the re-
port is not credited. It is estimated
that both cities were severely dam-
aged, but it is not thought that the
death list will even approach 500.

owing to the fact that the houses
are massive affairs built of stone in
order to resist earthquake shocks.
The federal authorities here have been
appealed to by the governors of the
districts of Oaxaca and Chilapa for
rents as the inhabitants in the stock-
ing cities are now living in the open,
having constructed dwelling of palm
leaves. The governor of the state of
Guerrero has dispatched military en-
gineers and aid troops to the de-
stroyed districts and the work of re-
sue and sanitation is being carried on
in a systematic manner.

COASTWISE STEAMSHIP MEN WANT MORE MONEY

First, Second and Third Officers De-
mand They Be Given \$100, \$80
and \$60 Respectively.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 15.—Demands
were made today for increased wages
for the first, second and third officers
on all the coastwise steamship com-
panies in this city and Baltimore.
Unless the companies will agree to
meet the men in arbitration confer-
ence there will be a strike which will
result in a tieup of all the coast
line steamers. The men ask that
the monthly wages of the first, sec-
ond and third officers be raised to
\$100, \$80 and \$60 a month respective-
ly.

GOVERNOR TO NAME RHEA TO SUCCEED JUDGE CRUMP

Bristol Man Will Take the Latter's
Place on the State Corporation
Commission.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., April 15.—Govern-
or Swann today announced that he
would appoint Judge William F.
Rhea, of Bristol to succeed Judge
Beverly T. Crump, as chairman of
the State Corporation Commission.
It is not believed that the appoint-
ment will become effective to serve
such time as may be necessary to
prepare for the appeal in the cases
which the Corporation Commission
will decide relating to the passenger
and freight charges.

Medical College Burned.

(By Associated Press.)
MONTREAL, QUE., April 16, 1:30
a. m.—The Medical building of McGill
University is on fire. This building
is the largest of the group of struc-
tures which comprise the university.
At 1:45 a. m. it is probable the en-
tire building will be destroyed. The
loss will reach half a million dollars.

Special Meeting Today.

There will be a special meeting of
the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young
Men's Christian Association this
morning at 10 o'clock at the associa-
tion building. Important business is
to be disposed of.

TRAIN JUMPS; 5 DEAD

Great Northern Oriental Limited
Leaves the Track.

SUSPICION OF TRAINWRECKERS

Roadbed Was in Excellent Condition
and Officials Believe That the Dis-
aster Was Caused by Miscreants—
Accident Occurred in Two Counties.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PAUL, April 15.—Running at
a speed of 40 miles an hour on a
straight track, the Great Northern
westbound Oriental Limited, which
left here for Pacific Coast points
Sunday morning, was derailed early
today at Bartlett, N. D.

Five persons were killed and a
score or more injured, some of them
seriously. After the wreck a gas
tank exploded and the train took fire,
seven passenger coaches being de-
stroyed, the sleeper and observation
cars escaping the flames.

There is said to be evidence that
the rails had been tampered with.
Officials of the road say that the
track in this vicinity had been in
apparently first class condition and
they are unable to account for the
wreck on any other theory than that
it was the deliberate attempt of mis-
creants to wreck the train.

The wreck occurred on the line di-
viding Nelson and Ramsey counties,
the mail car completely jumping over
the engine and landing in Ramsey
county while the remainder of the
wrecked train burned in Nelson county.
Many thrilling escapes were re-
ported.

The uninjured worked heroically
to rescue the imprisoned and it is
thought all but three were recovered.
Those killed were in the smoker
which was telescoped by the express
car in front.

The accident occurred four miles
from here near the small village of
Bartlett, within half a mile of where
a train was wrecked last fall.

HONDURAN GUNBOAT FLEW AMERICAN FLAG

But She Hauled It Down And Suc-
ceeded It With White Rag
of Surrender

NO EXPLANATION GIVEN FOR IT

Bonilla is Being Taken to Mexico and
He Has Quit Central America For
Good—Conference to Be Held to
Discuss Relations of the Different
States—War Seems to Be Over.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTO CORTEZ, April 11, via
NEW ORLEANS, April 15.—Hondur-
as' only war vessel, the gunboat
"Ta Tumbias" steamed into this harbor
today flying the American flag. The
stars and stripes, but was quickly
succeeded by a white flag which the
"Ta Tumbias" ran up in token of sur-
render to the Nicaraguan gunboat
San Jacinto, which had steamed out
to meet the Honduran gunboat. The
"Ta Tumbias" action in flying the
American flag had not been explained
when these dispatches left. The
American gunboat Marietta also lay
in this harbor and Captain Fullam
announced that, although he was un-
aware why the American flag was
used by the Hondurans they had no
right to use the flag as they did and
that if they had not promptly hauled
it down he would have ordered it
down.

Bonilla Leaving.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—
Dispatches were received at the Navy
Department today from Commander
Daly, the senior naval officer in
Pacific waters in the vicinity of Cen-
tral America, saying that the gun-
boat Princeton left Amapala on Sat-
urday with President Bonilla of
Honduras aboard. It was stated that
the Princeton is proceeding to Aca-
pulco, Mexico, and that President
Bonilla would leave at Salina Cruz,
Mexico.

His departure is in compliance with
an agreement entered in between
President Zelaya of Nicaragua and
President Figuera of Salvador, that
the Honduran president, who was de-
feated in his war with Nicaragua,
shall quit Central America.

Consul General Brown reports that
the plan for a general conference
to consider the relation of Central
American states in the future is being
received with satisfaction and that
the prospects are excellent for the
holding of such a congress after the
present difficulty between Nicaragua
and Honduras and Salvador has been
brought to an amicable termination.

DROPPED HER PROPELLER INTO THE DRY DOCK

Steamer George Pyman Will Have to
Wait Until New Wheel Can Be
Made.

As a climax to the many accidents
that have occurred to the British
steamer George Pyman since her ar-
rival here from St. Vincent, Cape
Verde Islands, on April 6, the emer-
gency propeller carried by the steam-
er was dropped in the bottom of dry
dock No. 2, at the shipyard, and com-
pletely ruined Sunday while it was
being taken out of the ship's hold.

The propeller was to have been in-
stalled on the vessel in place of the
old one which was damaged while
the vessel was ashore at Point
Breeze a week ago today. It will
require about two weeks to make a
new wheel for the ship and she will
remain at the yard during that
time. The vessel was floated out of
the basin yesterday afternoon and
moored at one of the shipyard piers.

Queen Anne in Dock.

The side-wheel passenger steamer
Queen Anne, under charter by the
Newport News & Old Point Railway
& Electric company, was floated out
of dry dock No. 2, at the shipyard,
yesterday afternoon after having had
her hull cleaned and painted. The
vessel will go on the route between
Old Point Comfort and the Exposi-
tion grounds today.

Capt. T. W. Scott for State Senate.

EUREKA MILLS, VA., April 15.—
As to who shall be the Democratic
candidate for this senatorial district
is a question which is receiving the
attention of the voters. The name
of Captain Thomas W. Scott is promi-
nently mentioned in this connection.

Sutton Quits Paris.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, April 15.—George Sutton,
the American billiard player who re-
cently conducted a school for bil-
liards in this city and against whom
the police issued an expulsion order
under the law for the prevention of
gambling, left Paris this morning.